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Kathy,

I understand your nervousness about tailored standards and to some extent feel the same way, however, not having any antidegradation policy and no designated uses is worse. None of the Tribes and not all of the states define what they consider a significant change from background (I've been researching).

Wisconsin says 1/3 the assimilative capacity is a change in background.

Minnesota says 10%

NJ says a measureable difference

MA doesn't say

and CA seems to be more worried about who gets to use the water.

We are on Council's agenda next week. I'm still pulling a definition together now that I have some idea of what the options are. Earthtech has been doing some ammonia calculations that will be useful. Sorry to say I feel EPA hasn't been very helpful on this issue - there is apparently no guidance and the writing agency has to decide for itself (Dave Pfeifer pointed me to Yahoo.com for finding several states WQS quickly)

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> To: tledger@ncis.net

> Subject: Re: Core WQS promulgation

> Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2000 12:39 PM

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> Tracey,

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> Just send your definition to me and I'll incorporate it within the document.

> Since your tailored standards aren't federal law right now, changes are a bit
> easier than the tribal end of things where these are likely tribal law.
We'll
> still have to take a close look at it to make sure things are consistent with
> GLI and Tier III requirements.
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> After the conference call with John Colletti, I'm a bit nervous for you having
> these promulgated so quickly because I don't want to see the Tribe rush into
> anything and later find out that economic development on the reservation could
> be affected by the Tier III antideg provision. But, I guess we don't have to
> worry too much because we don't have an answer yet from HQ on whether these will
> move forward yet, and I've also written something into our tailored standards
> preamble that will let you pull these standards back if you don't like the way
> they have changed due to public comment. So, I guess we're okay so far.
Did
> you already do the presentation to the Council on the standards and the ambient
> limits? Were they shocked about things?
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> We are available (almost) whenever you can set up a call.
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> Question - We plan on amending our Tribally accepted "tailored" WQS to
> include the definition we decide upon for "change in background" by Tribal
> Resolution. How would we go about adding that to the submitted standards?
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>> Jim,
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>> We had submitted the tailored standards to Headquarters on 4/27. We
> didn't hear
>> anything from them for a couple of months despite many inquiries from
us.
> We
>> finally got our Division Director, DRA and RA involved and HQ did a
quick
>> review. The R5 tailored standards have been highly debated lately at
> upper
>> management levels. As soon as some of the dust settles, and we have
some
> firm
>> direction, we will set up a conference call with all of you to discuss
> things.
>> Sound okay?
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>> Kathy:
>> At what point is the promulgation of the core WQS (our tailored
>> standards?) at? We have not heard anything for quite some time.
>> Thanks for any information you can provide.
>> Jim
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